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SCANDAPADES FINEST EVER

PHYSICAL FITNESS PROGRAMS OFFERED BY MANY RESORT HOTELS IN SWEDEN

Healthier Guests Better Than Bar Profits

Something new has been added to vacationing in Sweden, a holiday with "physical fitness".

Swedes, generally thought of as an extremely healthy, even athletic people, are beginning to suffer like Americans from the pangs of affluence. Too rich food and too little exercise have resulted in sagging stomachs and bulging waistlines in Sweden.

To cope with these afteraffects of a high standard of living — second only to that of the United States — many of Sweden's resort hotels have started "Keep Fit" exercises.

The idea was hatched at "Storlien", one of the country's largest (500 beds) mountain resort hotels in the northern province of Jamtland.

How did the idea come about? R. Geijer, Storlien's managing director, had noticed long ago that by far too many guests seemed terribly under strain and not in good physical shape.

Thus Mr. Geijer launched a physical fitness program as a totally different vacation concept. Instead of hiking, horseback riding, rowing, swimming or fishing, sports that are available indeed at Storlien, guests signing up for the physical exercise program are required to start the day with calisthenics followed by a long hike in the mountains after breakfast.

All this, however, is a mere prelude to the afternoon activities called by Geijer the daily "sweat session", such as sit-up, chin-up, knee-bend and similar exercises, done outside the hotel in a stimulating, fresh air setting of mountain moss surroundings.

Next come two "suanas" (steam baths), one before and another immediately after dinner. Should the first overstimulate the appetite, the second is bound to neutralize any effects of overeating. A mere mile long run, up and down a marked path in the mountains, completes the daily program.

Through a special test a guest's physical progress can be accurately charted almost daily. Additionally, the hotel doctor checks heart, pulse beat and breathing while the guests pedal a stationary bicycle for six minutes at a set speed.

MORE LEG ROOM IN SAS PLANES

Fewer seats and more leg room is the order of the day at Scandinavian Airlines as it puts its brand new fleet of DC-8 Super Fan jetliners into service.

"The additional 80 inches on the fuselage of the world's longest ranged jet will be devoted to increasing the comfort of the passenger rather than seat capacity of the aircraft," according to Hans J. Dedekam, Canadian Manager of SAS.

The chairs themselves — newly designed by SAS — give improved leg-room comfort and carefully contoured relaxation for even the tallest Viking traveler.

The seats, manufactured in England by Aircraft Furnishing, Ltd., provide an added three inches of shin clearance for the passenger who wants to stretch out his legs under the seat in front of him. "Designing these seats for the longer legs of the Scandinavians means an important bonus for everyone else," Mr. Dedekam said.

DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO BE CELEBRATED

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lunde of R.R. 1, Thorsby, Alberta, who on December 9th celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Lunde were married on December 29th, 1907 in Sanherred Church, Norway. Two years later in May, Mr. Lunde came alone to Canada where Mrs. Lunde joined him after a year had passed.

May you enjoy more years together in good health and happiness. Congratulations from the Scandinavian Centre.

The physician can also be consulted on how to stop smoking and drinking despite the availability of a large cocktail lounge at Storlien (the hotel is willing to forego liquor profits in favor of healthier guests).

Last year 211 guests partook in the program including many middle-aged married couples. 97% not only improved their physical but also their mental condition.

Storlien charges for a "Keep Fit" vacation \$10.00 a day including room and full board. Similar programs are also available in other hotels throughout Sweden.

DENMARK AND THE WEST INDIES

Like other European nations in the seventeenth century, Denmark was eager to share in the wealth of the New World. So in 1672 thru' the Royal Chartered Danish West Indian Company, a colony was founded on the island of St. Thomas in the Caribbean.

The object of colonization was to supply the mother country with sugar, cotton, indigo, and other exotic products which were in great demand in Europe. Because of relatively poor growing conditions on St. Thomas, however, the original plans had to be abandoned, and from 1725 the island gained its importance increasingly from trade. In 1717, the adjacent island of St. John was colonized by Denmark. Like St. Thomas, this island had poor potentialities for cultivation, and as, unlike St. Thomas, it lacked a natural harbour that could be used for trade, the colony of St. John was little developed. The inhabitants never numbered more than a few thousand, and no town was ever founded on the island.

The third and last island in the Danish West Indies was St. Croix, which was purchased from France in 1733. St. Croix was the one island in the group which fulfilled original hopes in the Caribbean, and here were developed the production and exports of sugar which, from 1734 to 1820, laid the foundation of the group's importance and prosperity. After a long period of economic decline, and when the islands had belonged to Denmark for over 200 years, they were sold in 1917 to the United States.

These are the historical reasons why, in these charming tropical islands remote from Denmark, we find a unique and distinctive piece of Danish civilization.

The following two articles in the Danish Foreign Office Journal explain the islands' historical, economic and cultural importance to Denmark, 50 years after their sale to the United States.

Although it is half a century this year since Denmark transferred the islands St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix to the United States, there is still considerable interest in Denmark for them, and their position in Danish history, an interest that perhaps extends beyond the Danes who can still remember when the transfer was made. Why? Presumably be- Cont'd. on page 10



OTTO VON ROSEN — DIRECTOR

The main feature of the annual Scandinavian Night, January 27th at the Jubilee Auditorium promises to be an outstanding show. The director of Scandapades is Otto Von Rosen. Assisting Mr. Von Rosen is the Cultural Committee of the Scandinavian Centre, consisting of:

Harvey Haugen
Mrs. Anne Sahuri
Mrs. McNaughton
Mrs. Verna Larson

Mr. Claus Jacobsen

The producer is Bud D'Amur. Mr. D'Amur is well known in Edmonton musical and dramatic circles. For many years he operated the Yardbird Suite and was associated with the Studio Theatre. He is one of the founders of the Waverdale Playhouse. He is involved in many productions at the present time, and among his present activities is artistic director for the University of Alberta Students' Union Drama Club. Mr. D'Amur has had a script prepared for Scandapades 101, the theme of which is "The Birth of the Second Century".

Rehearsals for SCANDAPADES 101 indicate that the show will truly be outstanding. The musical show, which has a special script written for it, gives the audience a view of the century past and a glimpse at the beginning of the second century, therefore the title SCANDAPADES 101.

Many talented actors and actresses carry the dialogue in a very convincing manner. The music is performed by some of Edmonton's top flight artists.

The choreography and dance numbers would indicate a fast moving and delightful show.

Throughout the show there are changes of mood, which will make you feel sad, but on the other hand there are many lighter moments, when laughter will ring the auditorium.

Mr. D'Amur the Producer is putting a great deal of effort into this show. His able assistants include Otto Von Rosen and the director Harvey Haugen, Stage Manager.

There are of course many others associated with the Cultural Committee and they are also putting a great deal of time and effort into making this the finest SCANDAPADES show yet.



ANDERS ANDERSON

Anders Anderson is well known to many Scandinavians in our community, having been associated with the Scandinavian Centre on and off for the past ten years. This year's annual Scandinavian Night promises to be the biggest and best yet. Five Scandinavian Princesses in Scandinavian costumes, one each from Icelandic, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish and Finnish communities, will be hostesses during the evening.

The show orchestra which is part of the Scandapades 101 will be under the direction of Mrs. Lily Boyer, assisted by Carl Egestrand. The intermission at Scandapades 101 will have a fashion show of imported Scandinavian fashions, flown over specially by SAS. On the lower floor of the Auditorium a display of new Scandinavian art, art objects, and products such as furniture and automobiles, is arranged for your interest and pleasure. In charge of the display is Mrs. Lenna Holforsen.

EDITORIAL

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REMIND THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE THREE OBJECTIVES FOR THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE

1. PROVISION OF A HOME FOR THE FIVE SCANDINAVIAN GROUPS AND THEIR FRIENDS.
2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A MEMORIAL TO OUR SCANDINAVIAN FOREFATHERS.
3. ASSISTING AND ENCOURAGING SCANDINAVIANS TO CONTRIBUTE THE GOOD FROM THIS RACIAL ORIGIN TO CANADA.

TO ATTAIN THIS OBJECTIVE THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE MUST BE EXPANDED TO PROVIDE THE FACILITIES WHICH WILL ENCOURAGE ALL SCANDINAVIANS AND THEIR FRIENDS TO ASSEMBLE THERE.

AS NOTED IN THE DECEMBER ISSUE IT IS THE OPINION OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE THAT COMMERCIALISM MUST BE INCORPORATED INTO THIS EXPANSION TO PROVIDE A BASE REVENUE WITH WHICH TO SUPPORT THE SOCIAL FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES THAT ARE SO NECESSARY TO THE SUCCESS OF THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE. WITHOUT THIS BOND, THE SCANDINAVIAN COMMUNITY WILL LOSE ITS IDENTITY, SCANDINAVIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE. SINCE CANADA DOES NOT HAVE ITS OWN CULTURE, EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO CONTRIBUTE THE GOOD IN THE CULTURE OF OUR SCANDINAVIAN FOREFATHERS TO THIS LAND OF OURS.

SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

Remember: January 18 — Installation Dinner and Dance.

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Selma Sorenson has all the copies of the "Scandinavian News" except July 1966. She would appreciate it, very much, if anyone can provide her with this copy. Selma's number is 466-1839.

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Lydia Naverseth, Raga Sivertsen and Ella Searl served coffee and pastry to twenty-three adult immigrants who received their citizenship papers recently. Judge Allen presented certificates to the new citizens. A group of Girl Guides presented their colors and also went through the formalities of receiving citizenship.

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As Chef for the Lutefisk Supper I would like to express sincere appreciation and thanks to the faithful kitchen staff; also to the dining-room hostess; hostess in charge of servers; to all the ones who served and to our men who came out to help us and gave their support. Thank you also for the Lefse salads and beautiful cookies. On the whole it was a lovely team effort.

So a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you.

Ragna Sivertsen

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Congratulations are in order for Anita Searl who became engaged on Thanksgiving. The lucky man is Wilfred Trapler of Victoria, B.C. The wedding is scheduled to take place in August 1968.

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Congratulations from the Bowling group to Ed and Alva Veis on the birth of a baby boy, November 30.

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We were very sorry to hear that Ruth Hammerstad is convalescing in the Royal Alexandra Hospital with a broken hip. Speedy recovery Ruth.

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NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CLUB
On behalf of the Norwegian Language Club members I would like to extend best wishes in the New Year to everyone.

Bjorn Wibe



Lineham; Assistant Jr. Director — Norma Golden; Librarian — Olaf Myhre. These officers will be installed January 13 at the Installation Dinner and Dance.

After the meeting Betty and Eleanor Anderson hosted an enjoyable evening of Bingo. The lucky winners were Bert Forseth, Min Strand, Phil Olstad, Ivy Whitehead, Maxine Peterson and Eleanor Anderson with Ruth Wibe and Johanna Reno winning the turkeys.

Alvin and Ella Searl and Ragna Sivertsen took in the Smorgasbord Dinner in the new auditorium of Camrose College. They enjoyed the dinner very much which was complete with Lutefisk and Gronnegrot.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party of December 13 was well attended considering the icy conditions of the streets.

The concert began with the Junior Dancers doing the Grand March. The dancers performed throughout the programme mingled with selections on the violin and accordion by Kevin, Curtis and Cory Svidal; a solo (Silent Night in Norwegian and English) by Miss Hope; and an accordion solo by Warren Clark.

The children sang Christmas carols around the tree until Santa arrived. Santa Hafso enjoyed asking the little ones what they wanted for Christmas. He obviously was a hit with the little ones, as they did not want to get up from his knee.

LUTEFISK DINNER

The Sons of Norway Annual Lutefisk Supper of November 18 was once again a well attended event with about 640 persons served dinner. The supper was again held at the Masonic Temple with Mrs. Ragna Sivertsen in charge of food preparations. The tables were well laden with food and there was no shortage in any category.

An hour programme was held from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. with Harv Haugan, Social Director, as MC. The Junior Folk Dancers again performed, under the direction of Clara Lineham. Norwegian solos were sung by Irene Hovde, also Irene and her daughter, Inez, sang a duet. A novelty accordion act by Marvin Golden and Warren Clark and selections from the newly formed Junior Band, under direction of Carl Elgstrand, rounded out the entertainment. (N.B. Any Scandinavian youngsters who are interested in the band may call Carl at 489-4170).

A dance was enjoyed from 9 p.m. 'til midnight with Carl Elgstrand's Orchestra.

The picture shows some of the many members who assisted at the Lutefisk Dinner.

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The Lodge gives a vote of thanks to Ragna Sivertsen, convenor of the Lutefisk Dinner. We see her here hard at work in the kitchen — as usual.

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We were very happy to see Ed total of 9 million kroner from the Natural Disaster Fund. With claims amounting to 11 million, the allocations covered about 72%.

Victims of the devastating floods in East Norway have received a total of 9 million kroner from the Natural Disaster Fund. With claims amounting to 11 million, the allocations covered about 72%.

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Police recently raided five stores in the Oslo area and confiscated hundreds of magazines deemed "obviously indecent". All pornographic magazines sold in Norway originate abroad.



ONNELLISTA UUTTA VUOTTA
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The annual meeting of Finnish Society will be held on January 14th, 1968 at the Scandinavian Centre, Dania Room, starting at 2:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Coffee will be served

A surprise baby shower was held for Mrs. Francia Harvonen at the home or Mr. and Mrs. P. Utunen. The baby-to-be received many beautiful gifts.

Speedy recovery to Mrs. H. Rastas who was in hospital recently.

Many thanks for the wonderful surprise party and for many lovely gifts for the baby.

Mrs. Francia Harvonen

Next sewing circle will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Vesalainen, 11921 - 48 St., on Jan. 15th, 1968. Everyone is cordially invited.

The pre-Christmas party was very well attended. "Puuro" was enjoyed by all and Santa Claus came to deliver gifts. All had a good time.

Mr. Onni Virtanen is taking memberships for Suomi Seura Helsinki R. Y. The fee is \$2.00 a year. Anyone interested in this should contact Mr. Virtanen, 13520 - 104 A. St. Ph. 479-8185. Is anyone interested in Finnish books? Mr. O. Vir-

tanen has Finnish book lists, which may be seen at his home.

Many thanks to Finnish Society for the lovely flowers I received while in hospital recently.

Mrs. Helvi Rastas

A surprise baby shower was held in honor of Mrs. Rauha Niska-Aro at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Kit.

Finnish Society sponsored a coffee party on Sunday Dec. 10th, 1967 in honor of Finlands 50th anniversary of Independence. Short program preceded the coffee.

Best wishes in their new home to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Karvonen. Speedy recovery to Mr. E. Honka who was in hospital recently.

FROM THE DANISH CHURCH

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE: Sunday the 28th of January is Ansgar Danish Church' anniversary day. It will be celebrated with an English service in the evening where a visiting pastor will come and speak. After the service there will be coffee served in the basement and the film "No reason to stay" will be shown. All teenagers and their parents should come and see this film.

The new church board. After the election of new members to the church board at the annual meeting at the end of November the following are now on the board: Jack Pedersen (president), Mrs. Karen Jensen (vice-president), Mrs. Margit Jensen (secretary), John Steffensen (treasurer), Axel Gron,

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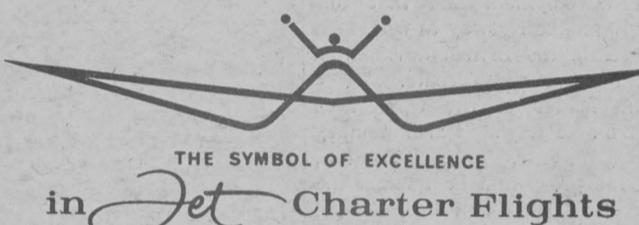
Sunday January 28th, 11a.m. Danish service.

Sunday January 28th, 8 p.m. English Anniversary service.

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To all the members of the Scandinavian Centre, who took part in 1967 flights, we wish them welcome home and hope they had a very enjoyable time in Europe.



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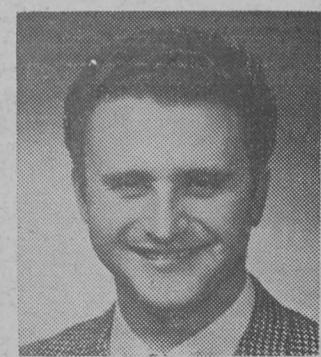
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STRONG SUPPORT FOR DECISION NOT TO DEVALUE

The decision of the Norwegian Government and the Board of the Bank of Norway not to devalue the Norwegian Krone in the wake of the devaluation of the Pound Sterling, was taken after thorough consultations with all political parties, the main industrial organizations and the trade unions.

At a press conference November 9, Prime Minister Per Borten said the deciding factor in this decision was the consideration of the Norwegian cost and price development. Seventy-five per cent of Norway's imports comes from countries which have not devalued. If Norway had devalued the Krone, she would automatically have a corresponding price increase, with serious consequences for her competitive ability. Mr. Borten stressed that the British devaluation would probably inflict a loss to Norway of a billion Kroner (\$140 million). This would have to be borne by all Norwegians jointly, Mr. Borten said.

The Governor of the Bank of Norway, Mr. Erik Brofoss, pointed out that no major industrial power had followed Britain in devaluation; this would allow Britain to improve her economy. The Government stated that the Norwegian economy had of late shown a favorable development and that this should enable Norway to withstand the strain the British devaluation would unavoidably create.

The leader of the Opposition, Labor Party's Parliamentary Chairman, Mr. Trygve Bratteli, told the press that he thought the correct decision had been made. Norway's interest in helping Britain overcome her economic difficulties must be taken into consideration, Mr. Bratteli said, adding that it was important to avoid an increase in import prices that would add to the difficulties arising from next spring's wage negotiations.

PRESS COMMENTS

The Norwegian press was practically unanimous in supporting the Government's decision. "The Government had to choose between two evils and it is our firm conviction that the Government has chosen the lesser of the two", wrote independent conservative "Aftenposten". In almost similar terms, the spokesman for the Labor Party, "Arbeiderbladet", said that Norway left with the decision not to devalue as the lesser of two evils, or as the only realistic way out of the situation. Conservative "Morgenbladet", however would have preferred a devaluation corresponding to that of Denmark's 7.9 per cent.

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Niels Pedersen and Kris Kristensen (deacons), Jorgen Carstensen, Niels Gran and Chris Vimtrup (trustees).

Meetings in January: Ansgar Ladies' Aid, January the 3rd. Ansgar Men's Club, January the 9th, Young People's Group, January the 8th (bring some of your records) and January the 22nd. The doors will be open from 7 p.m. Ungdomskredsen, January the 17th film. Young Women's Club, January the 24th, the meeting will be held at Mrs. Mette Hansen, 11011 - 156 Street.

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ICELADIC NEWSLETTER

The excitement of Christmas and New Years brought many families together, and parties were in full swing, motivated by the spirit of goodwill that prevails during the holiday season.

Dr. and Mrs. George Drummond Karen, Sharon and Derek were up from Calgary to spend the festive days at the home of Mrs. Ila Henrickson. Mr. Gene Rousseau, of Cold Lake, stopped at the home of his sister, Mrs. Leifur Oddson, while enroute to Winnipeg, to visit his mother, Mrs. M. Rousseau for the holidays.

Mr. Earl Valgardson spent Christmas with his family having travelled from Inuvik, N.W.T. to join in the merriments of home and friends.

The Chris McNaughton home was happy to welcome Mrs. McNaughton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Waterhouse, of Paynton, Sask. over the three day festivities.

Mrs. Gudrun Sveinbjornson visited at the Sumarlidason home prior to her journey to her old home in Markerville, Alta., to visit her brothers, Mike and Sveinn Maxson, and sister-in-law Mrs. Laura Maxson, of Innisfail. She was accompanied by Mrs. Anna Williams, of Vancouver, who is spending a holiday, visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewin, and their two daughters, Vicki and Phyllis.

Christmas in the Alex Mitchell home was made more merry by the visit of daughter, Thora, and her husband, Oscar Vaughan, from California.

Visitors from Moose Jaw, at the Bob Henderson home were his parents Mr. and Mrs. Harold Henderson and their daughter, Betty. They spent Christmas day with an Uncle and Aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sumarlidason.

The popular city hall policeman, Mr. A. Ingaldson and his wife left for a two-week visit with their son and daughter-in-law and little granddaughters, Sheri Ann, and Kristine Ann now living in Vancouver, where Mr. Ingaldson, Jr. is employed with Phillips Electronics.

The Christmas party for the children, held in the Scandinavian Centre was well enjoyed by those who braved the icy streets, and sudden shower of rain and snow, on Sunday, Dec. 10th. A delightful short program under the direction of Mrs. Freda Smith featured the versatility of our talented young fry, and one hopes the performers enjoyed the entertainment as much as the audience. We should have more of these heart-warming opportunities of seeing and hearing our wee ones in concert. An impromptu, yet very vocal choir sang Christmas carols until the arrival of Santa Claus, who remembered everyone with treats. Mrs. Mitchell, convenor, and her assistants served a delicious lunch, after Mrs. Margaret Cameron presented a gift to the only life member present, Mr. Henry Sumarlidason, who voiced his thanks, for the courtesies shown.

Mrs. Pauline Eyolfson, of Lunder, spent a short time in Edmonton while her granddaughter, Lorna was in the Misericordia hospital. Little Lorna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Eyolfson, of 12216 129th St.

Mr. Eyolfson is paymaster for the Edmonton Public School Board. We offer sincere wishes that her stay in hospital will restore Lorna to complete health again.

Mr. O. V. Gislason, of Athabasca was a guest at the Macdonald Hotel, while he was in Edmonton, acting as a delegate to the United Farmers of Alberta, representing his district. He reports the gathering to be very educational and rewarding. His wife is continuing in her teaching profession, being on the staff of the Richmond Park School near their home.

Birthday greetings go out this month to Mr. Jonann Helgi Johnson, of Bethany Lodge who celebrates his natal day on Jan. 13th. Good health be yours.

We welcome yet another family from Winnipeg. Mr. and Mrs. Kardi C. Halldorson have made their home in Edmonton for some time, with their two children, Curtis and little Robin, at 13002 122nd Ave., phone: 455-1956. Mr. Halldorson is employed with Bonnie Doon Plumbing.

The best of get-well wishes go out to the mother of Mrs. Al. Arnason, Mrs. Belle Hogan who underwent surgery in the Langley B.C. prior to Christmas. Mrs. Arnason journeyed to visit her mother leaving on Boxing Day.

Mrs. Walter Arason, and daughter, Beverley entrained on Boxing Day for a visit to Ottawa, at the home of daughter and son-in-law, Don and Carol Ross, and to renew her acquaintance with the new grandson, David Walter. Mr. W. Arason continues in his avocation, the art of ceramics, having accepted a teaching position at the Alberta School for the Deaf, where he finds pleasure in assisting the handicapped explore the possibilities of thrown pottery shapes, the intricacies of baking and glazing with the hope that his pupils find this means profitable as well as pleasurable.

Readers are warned to be on the lookout for a coming event, that promises to be a special date — the annual pre-Lenten celebration, called a Thorralbot. The event will feature feasting on special Icelandic dishes rulla pylsa, kleinar, vinterata, and skyr. The regular Annual meeting will follow the sumptuous repast, and officers will be elected. Those children who are building up a scrap book on Icelandic items of interest are persuaded to work away at this project. A nice sum of money is the prize, to be awarded on this occasion.

Mr. Donald Wilkes of Fairview, Alta., has been seeking medical help having been a patient in the Col Mewburn Hospital. His wife, Ruth, was a guest at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sumarlidason. Their two sons are attending the University of Alberta.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar, of Lyleton, Man. spent a Christmas holiday at the Gunnar Thorvaldson home, much to the delight of their grandchildren, Gary, Cindy and Carla. Word has come to Edmonton from Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johannson of Markerville of their move into a new home near the village, and

an anticipated trip to New Zealand and Australia, for about six weeks duration. Members of Nordurljos Chapter will recall how excellently Mr. Joe reported on their holiday in Iceland, when showing his slides and narrating the pertinent facts. We look forward to an opportunity of enjoying his accounts of the land ('Down Under' by way of his pictures and souvenirs. Happy holidays Joe and Lily.

Many homes in Edmonton and elsewhere received a Christmas letter from our former vice-president, Steve, and his wife, Audrey Benediktson, now living in Melbourne Australia. Their accounts of life there are of interest to us and it is felt that many others would enjoy the comments which follow.

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YOUR 1967 CHRISTMAS CARD FROM THE BENEDIKTSONS

We have to keep reminding ourselves that Christmas is just around the corner. It seems more like June than December as it should. The days are generally warm and dry with occasional cloudy periods and some wind. The weather in Melbourne is subject to disturbances from the South — the South Pole, that is — and has been known to drop as much as 40 degrees Fahrenheit in two hours. These days, it averages around 70 degrees Fahrenheit but they tell us it will be up above 100 degrees Fahrenheit around the end of January.

We are all just fine.

Audrey is chasing around trying to buy up all of the antiques in the country. This place is an antique-collector's dream. There are literally hundreds of Antique Shops and they are all looking for the "Rich Americans" (we are generally always taken for Americans). The real bargains are at the auctions though and Australians auction everything off from houses and apartments to fans and carpets.

Stevie took Grade 5 from September to December 7, which is the end of the school year here. We weren't sure if it would work pushing him ahead like that but they preferred having him with his own age group and it seems to be going fine. He made the cricket team; got a beagle for his birthday and enjoys teasing Susan. What more could a fellow ask for!

Susan went to the pre-school grade. They start their kids earlier here so she's a year behind her age group. She doesn't exactly get all fired up about school, in fact, Audrey has to push her out the door. Our "Child Behavior" book tells us that six is a difficult age and we know it is.

Happiness is her cat, picking flowers and getting her own way.

To tell you something about our new home and garden (I say new but in actual fact, it must be 70-80 years old), it's a lovely white brick house. Like most houses here, it's damn cold in the winter. Since we're not as hardy as the Australians, we have gas or electric heaters in most rooms. The Melbourne people are most prolific gardeners and it's sheer pleasure to go for a walk in our area. The trees are

enormous; some behind our house are 100 years old. The street is lined with massive oak trees. Our garden has a variety of roses, hydrangea, camellias, rhododendrons, azaleas of all shades and two lemon trees. The lemon trees keep us supplied with lemons for Steve's morning paw-paw.

Shopping is at times, frustrating, but mostly it's fun. One of the small frustrations is the size things are put up in — everything is small. People shop from day to day and not for a week at a time, as most Canadian housewives do. The greengrocers are salad lover's delight. Cherries are in season now. This year I got in on two cherry crops; when I went to British Columbia with Phyllis in July and one now. The strawberries are huge and there are a variety of apples and melons (such as paw-paw) for us to try. The meat is the hardest thing for me to buy. I can't decide how they cut it. All the cuts look like rump roast to me but they make up for it with a large selection of fish. Prawns and oysters are quite inexpensive and fresh schnapper, flounder and cod are popular at our house.

For the ladies, I must mention 'Fashions'. Some 'nit-wits' told us to take shoes and clothes with us, so I ran all over Houston and New Orleans buying up a storm. I had fun and Steve had a case of "Wallet Nerves". Every time he pulled out his wallet, he got nervous. You know the expression, "they look like they just got off the boat", well, that's exactly the way I felt when we got here. North America must be 10 years behind in fashions. Mini skirts here are really mini and shoes have low block heels with square toes. There are always the young girls who are way out in front with fashions wherever you go but here even women my age are very fashion-conscious. I think we tend to think of Australia as behind the times as they are in many things, but unfortunately for me they aren't, in fashion.

We have a Falcon Station-wagon and go touring at every opportunity. We keep our camera busy and we'll have many interesting slides to show on our trip home.

The Australian countryside that we have seen is very beautiful. It's very hilly around Melbourne. The hills are called "The Dandenongs" and they are tree, bush and farm covered. When you look at them from a distance they are always in a blue haze. There are a lot of dairy farms and, of course, hundreds of sheep.

Much of the seashore is rocky and wild but the beaches are nice. We are looking forward to a trip into the interior where the gold and opal mining is done. People tell us that opals are a bargain here. Anybody interested?

The centre of Melbourne, like most other thriving cities, has large department stores and very exclusive smaller ones. There are many narrow side-streets full of small interesting shops. You could spend weeks up-town and never run out of new places to go. They have live theatre and charming restaurants at reasonable prices. Besides being record-breaking beer-drinkers, Australians drink a lot of wine. Wine is taken with every meal, almost like bread, in big or small eating places.

FIGHTING IN DENMARK

COPENHAGEN (AP) — Four Danish shopkeepers are fighting city hall to keep the psychedelic decorations they painted on their store fronts.

Municipal officials want the decorations removed and hundreds of businessmen are up in arms about it.

The shopkeepers applied the psychedelic paint to attract teen-aged customers. Along with teen-agers came Copenhagen's Fourth Office, in charge of preserving the appearance of the old city.

The fourth office referred the shopkeepers to an old statute that says, "if architectural consideration require it can be demanded that the outward appearance of a building is maintained as it is."

The retailers called in their lawyers but city officials warned that if the decorations aren't removed quickly, fines will be imposed.

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ONLY ONE ANTARCTIC WHALING EXPEDITION

The Norwegian Whaling Association has announced that only one Norwegian whaling expedition will participate in the 1967-68 Antarctic whaling season. Norway's two remaining whaling companies, A/S Ander's Jahra and A/S Thor Dahl have agreed that only Jahra's Kosmos IV will be dispatched to the Antarctic next season. The expedition's factory ship will be accompanied by a reduced number of catcher vessels. Most of the frozen whale products that Kosmos IV is expected to bring back from the Antarctic have been sold in advance. The decision to send only one expedition results from the reduction in Norway's share of the international whaling quota, as fixed at a recent conference in Oslo. According to the announcement from the Whaling Association, the quota of 731 blue whale units allocated to Norway was held to be insufficient for profitable operation of two expeditions. Norwegian participation in the Antarctic whaling has rapidly declined in recent years. In the 1961-62 season, Norway had seven expeditions. The national quota was then 5100 blue whale units. That season, some 4,630 Norwegians manned Norwegian and British factory ships and catcher vessels.

Most of the Australians we have met are very kind and gracious. The people take time to talk to you, even the shop-keepers. If you ask the butcher about a cut of meat, he will explain everything to you down to the last detail no matter how many people are waiting.

As we mentioned, it's hard to get the Christmas feeling without snow. They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks and this hot Christmas business will take some getting used to. We'll be thinking of our friends on Christmas Day as we visit the beach.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Steve, Audrey, Stevie and Susan. And so, gentle Reader, we start a new year, with its promise of new starts at many good intentions. We wish the readers of this column a contentment that comes from the well-being of each individual — so the well worn wish expresses it all when we say HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The Planning Committee has drawn up this organization chart to outline diagrammatically what brain resources are necessary to plan the extension of the Scandinavian Centre. The Divisional chairman named, may or may not, by his choice, remain as chairman. He will however, act in this capacity until he has a sufficient number of members who may on his request, select a new chairman. For this interim period, all inquiries will be directed to the named divisional chairman or the Planning Committee. Your Planning Committee asks that present and future shareholders put their shoulders to the wheel and volunteer to act on one or more of these Divisions. Only by a complete co-ordinated and co-operative effort may the many important investigations be completed in a period when all relevant data has the same weighted importance related to the time of investigation, i.e. Facts determined today may not be relevant or have the importance when related to the information collected at some other time.

Choose the division whose purpose interests or concerns you most. Write or telephone the chairman of this division who will inform you of the next meeting time. Each division's responsibility will be as follows but not limited as outlined. (The Planning Committee may add to these as conditions warrant.)

PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Chairman of this Committee must be a Scandinavian Centre Director.

There must be at least one representative on this committee from each of the five ethnic groups.

To — report all final decisions to the Board of Directors for their approval,
— act as the liaison between the Divisions and the Board of Directors,
— receive all Divisional recommendations for final analysis,
— issue investigation directives to the Divisions, (no division may make final decisions to be acted upon by external forces without the written approval of the Planning Committee.)

LEASING DIVISION

To — determine what commercial businesses could be feasibly and legally incorporated into this complex,
— determine what revenues can be expected from each type of business,
— determine the amount of space needed and where it could be located in the complex as well as the approximate cost for construction
— draw up typical leasing agreements,
— determine effect of other locations,
— obtain leasing agreements from business men.
— recommend to the Planning Committee the type and number of businesses that could be so located,
— advise the Planning Committee what leases could be obtained,
— on direction from the Board of Directors obtain signed leases,
— report on all conclusions to the Planning Committee

PUBLICITY DIVISION

To — advise shareholders of all new developments concerning this expansion,
— remind the shareholders that they must continue this project with time as well as money,
— assist in promotion of share sales and other financing programmes.
— estimate costs of promotional work
— report to and obtain written clearance from the Planning Committee for news releases.

FINANCIAL DIVISION

To — outline how each of the divisions shall present their data,
— outline to each division what financial data will be required,
— analyze each recommendation relating to the construction costs and resulting revenue in order to determine whether it is commercially feasible and whether it would adequately assist in supporting the community non revenue developments,
— assist the Planning Committee in the final economic analysis,
— research new possibilities of financing this venture,
— assist the Publicity Division in advertising for finances,
— determine feasibilities of other locations,
— prepare a budget and the cash flow required,
— keep the budget and cash flow current,
— report all conclusions to the Planning Committee

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

To — outline what and how much staff will be required, and how they would be organized,
— determine what costs will be associated with this staff,
— determine all operating expenses,
— design recording systems,
— design accounting systems
— determine what services should be provided with each type of community and club service which may be provided,
— prepare a cash flow
— report all conclusions to Planning Committee

IDEAS DIVISION — this division will not be required to submit costs

To — generate ideas of types which can be used for facilities, advertising, accounting, or administration,
— report all these ideas to the Planning Committee,
— determine what other locations may be considered,
— receive and analyze recommendations from the shareholders.

Normally this group would be part of the Planning Committee however, since it could be difficult to engage them as such, they were designated as a Division which would demand less of their time.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES DIVISION

To — determine what sports, intellectual and entertainment facilities the shareholders prefer,
— determine operational costs for these facilities,
— determine equipment costs for these facilities,
— determine what financial support these facilities may require,
— report all conclusions to the Planning Committee

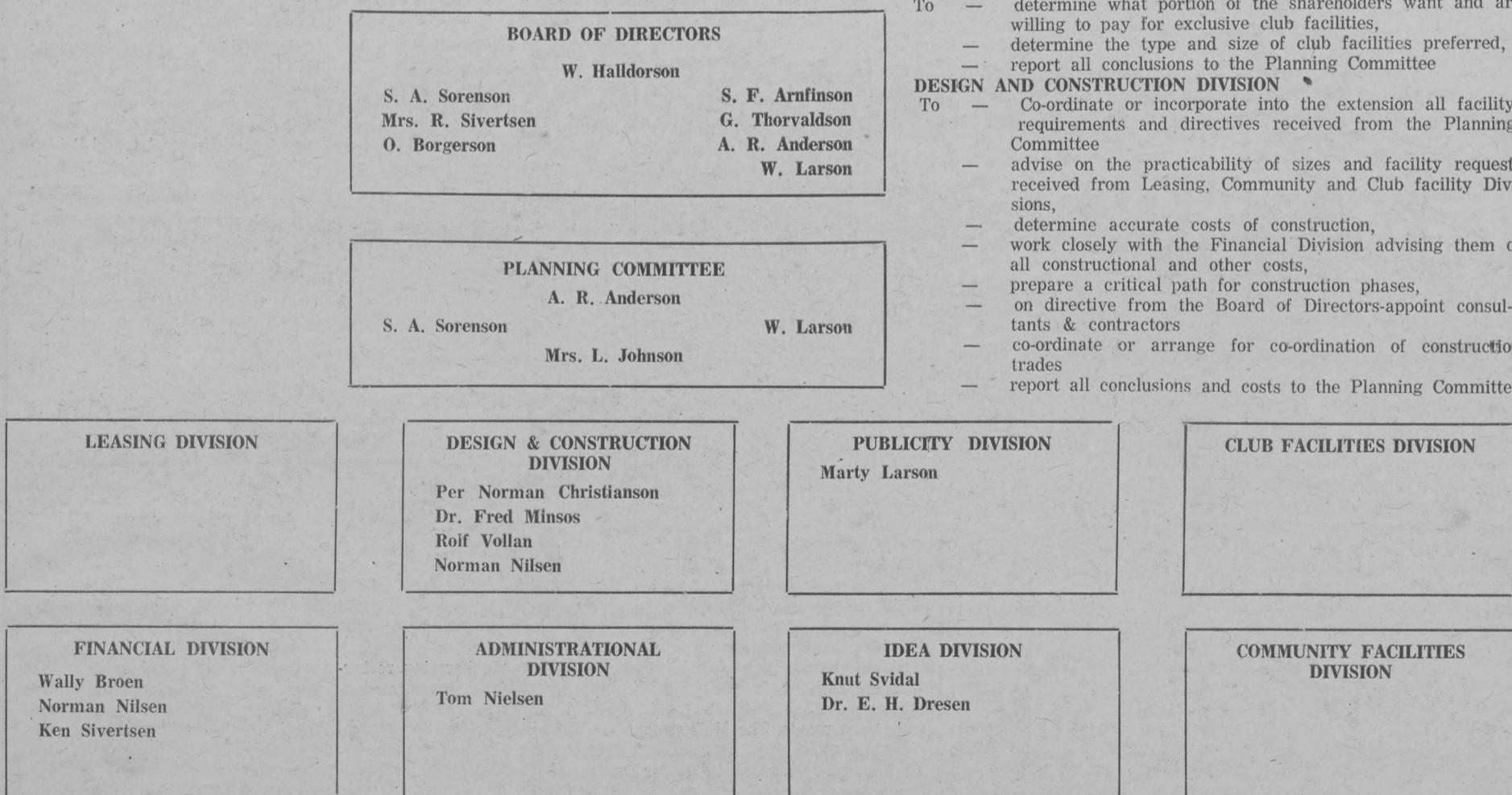
CLUB FACILITIES DIVISION

To — determine what portion of the shareholders want and are willing to pay for exclusive club facilities,
— determine the type and size of club facilities preferred,
— report all conclusions to the Planning Committee

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

To — Co-ordinate or incorporate into the extension all facility requirements and directives received from the Planning Committee
— advise on the practicability of sizes and facility requests received from Leasing, Community and Club facility Divisions,
— determine accurate costs of construction,
— work closely with the Financial Division advising them of all constructional and other costs,
— prepare a critical path for construction phases,
— on directive from the Board of Directors appoint consultants & contractors
— co-ordinate or arrange for co-ordination of construction trades
— report all conclusions and costs to the Planning Committee

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



The regular monthly meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia was held December 1, in the Viking Room of the Scandinavian Centre. Chairman Peter Johnson opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Signe Jonson of New Westminster was a visitor to the meeting.

Oscar Hanson was reported as having been in the hospital but home now and feeling better. Clifford Lindberg and Leonard Eliasson have also been sick. Ella Skoog and Mildred Weiss are under doctor's care. Joyce Kay has returned to her normal activities. Oscar Carlson is waiting for a hospital bed in Vancouver.

May Rushton has tickets for the 1968 Scandapades to be held Saturday, January 27th in the Jubilee Auditorium.

The Hudson's Bay Company will hold a salute to Scandinavia on January 12th.

Margaret Eliasson reported that three hundred Centennial spoons have been sold.

Greetings were brought from Valhalla Lodge by Mary Pearson.

The next meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia will be held Saturday, January, 6th at 7 p.m. in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre.

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A lovely Lucia Pageant followed the meeting. Fae Johnson made a beautiful Lucia with her escort of star boys, maidens and elves. The program was very enjoyable and was followed by coffee and lunch supplied by the Ladies Auxiliary. During the program, Margaret Eliasson presented Mr. Coburn with a cheque for the purchase of a Bell and Howell 16mm projector for the ETAOIN ET ETA

projector for the Centennial Library — a Centennial gift from Vasa Lodge Skandia and the Swedish Community. Mr. Coburn expressed his and the library administration's appreciation. Alderman Ivor Dent presented the Lodge with a certificate proclaiming our Centennial project complete and expressing the thanks of the City.

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The Ladies Auxiliary will hold their meeting, Saturday, January 20th at 8 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. McMaster, 12228 - 127 St.

VASA GLIMPSES

A surprise fiftieth birthday party was held for Gertie Holmgren at her daughter Vergie's house on November 25th. Gertie was presented with perfume, a birthstone ring, and something she really wanted, a new curling broom. Some of the highlights of her life were put into rhyme by Evelyn Modin and Betty Pearson. A lovely smorgasbord lunch was served by the hostesses, Helga Johnson, Winnie Pearson and Margaret Eliasson.

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Congratulations, rather late, to the Eckman family on the arrival of their new son, last July.

Congratulations also to the winners of the Ladies Auxiliary draw. Lucky ticket number 035 was held by Terry Corrall of Vancouver who won the handmade quilt. The hand woven rug went to Bertha Ansissen, 11215 - 73 St. who had ticket number 937.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Pearson spent Christmas with their daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. T. Corrall of Vancouver.

A housewarming was held for Svea Erickson in her new home on November 29th. Svea was presented with a pin and earring set, and money by her many friends. Svea spent Christmas in Winnipeg with her daughter Lulu and family.

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Bill and Martha Kay have a new baby! A beautiful, new, blue car.

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Alberta District, number 18, held an Executive meeting in Lethbridge on December 9th at the home of Carl Swansons. After the meeting, a delicious lutefisk supper and an entertaining evening was enjoyed by all at the Scandinavian Hall.

Those attending the meeting from the Northern District were Grand Lodge Deputy Margaret Eliasson, District Master Floyd Modin, District Treasurer Glen Eliasson, District Executive Board Members Peter Johnson and John Holmlund. The District Secretary Bert Johnson of Calgary was also present.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mons Eliasson have been honored at several functions prior to their departure for Vernon, B.C. On December 10th, Mons and Margaret were guests at a lovely supper and Christmas party in Calmar, sponsored by Buffalo Lodge Number 577. A lovely round Krome tray with engraving was presented as a token of appreciation for the many years of service and assistance that Mrs. Eliasson has given the members.

On December 17th, Lodge Skandia Number 549 presented Mons and Margaret with a gift of money, a desk set with engraving, and a round wooden tray centered with an oil derrick. The children of the Lodge honored the couple with a

gift of mugs, and a corsage for Margaret.

The Eliassons left for their new home in Vernon after Christmas. Lots of luck, Margaret and Mons.

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The Children's Christmas Party held December 17th in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre was very successful. A delightful program put on by the children under the direction of Vi Watson, Carol McRae and Carol Brandel was the main feature. Dancing around the Christmas tree and candy bags handed out by Santa Claus followed. A lovely lunch was also served.

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Rune, Lois, Eric and Helene Anderson spent the Christmas holidays with Lois' parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Woodcock. All their friends and relatives were glad to see them here again after their recent move to Saskatoon.

Congratulations to Bjorn and Tessa Bennstrom on the birth of their third son, Jos Patrick. Bjorn and Tessa are in London, England now, prior to moving to Sweden.

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CHARTER MEMBER DIES

Lodge Skandia number 549 mourns the loss of Charter Member Number One, Brother Julius Hober. Mr. Hober was an active member, having been Lodge Skandia's first Chairman, and a Past District Master. Mr. Hober died December 8th and left to grieve him his wife Pearl and son Allen.

The funeral ceremony was held at Howard and McBride Chapel on December 12th at 1:30 p.m. Pastor Leon Lindquist officiated. The grave site is in Beechmount Cemetery.

The members of Lodge Skandia will sadly miss the guidance and assistance Brother Julius Hober has always extended.

BUFORD NEWS

Congratulations to Raymond Erickson who won an electric carving knife at the opening of Woolco's Centennial Village on November 8th.

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Bertha and Anthon Falk had Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Cline of Red Deer spend a Sunday with them.

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Gust, Hilda, Peggy and Floyd Modin attended Falun Lodge's Lutefisk and Meat Ball supper held in the Legion Hall, Wetaskiwin on November 25th.

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Mavis and Fred Hamilton helped Mavis' Dad, Mr. Melvin Anderson of Edmonton celebrate his 68th birthday on November 26th.

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Our Lodge was pleased to have Mr. Peter Johnson, Chairman of Skandia Lodge attend our November meeting.

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Our 1968 slate of officers is as follows: Chairman — Clair Pearson, Vice-Chairman — George Modin, Finance Secretary — Gerda Erickson, Assistant Finance Secretary — Eric Kvarnberg, Recording Secretary — Wanda Markstedt, Assistant Recording Secretary — Mavis Hamilton, Treasurer — Edna Pederson, Chaplain — Robert Pearson, Master of Ceremonies — Fred Hamilton, Assistant Master of Ceremonies — Vernon Pearson, Inner Guard — Frank Erickson, Outer Guard — Clare Evenson.

To the committee consisting of Julian Zarowney, Victor Wold, Bob Pearson and Bill Sol we extend our thanks for a well-planned and most successful Christmas party.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pearson's daughter, Elaine was initiated and welcomed into our Lodge at our November meeting.

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On November 24th, George and Doris Modin attended the Crawford-Lundstrom wedding at Edberg.

Eight rinks of Lodge curlers are enjoying the 1967-68 curling season every Wednesday evening at the Calmar rink.

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Goody Pearson spent a pre-Christmas holiday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Bergo at Ardmore. While there they celebrated her Dad's 80th birthday.

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On December 1st, District Master Floyd Modin accompanied by his daughter Maureen and his mother Hilda Modin, enjoyed the lovely and colorful Lucia Pageant put on by the Skandia Lodge in the Scandinavian Centre in Edmonton.

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Home for Christmas were Elaine and Darlene Evenson from Edmonton and Glen Pearson from Olds and Harvey Eklund from Rainbow Lake.

Lloyd and Angela Pearson's visitors on the weekend of November 18th, were Tony Shakus of Edmonton and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lapinsky of Andrew. While here they all attended the housewarming for Angela's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bendoraitis of Leduc.

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Our District Master, Floyd Modin attended the District Convention meeting at the home of Brother and Sister Carl and Violet Sevenson in Lethbridge on December 9th. He also attended the Lutefisk Supper and Dance put on by the Lethbridge Lodge. Seven out of the eight Alberta Vasa Lodges were represented at this supper and dance, he reported.

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Algott Pearson's families called in on him on December 9th to help him celebrate his 68th birthday. Many more birthdays are wished you, Algott.

Tillie and Emil Kvarnberg enjoyed a holiday in Edmonton with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Larson and family.

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Our Lodge extends its sympathy to Skandia Lodge in the loss of an active member, Brother Julius Hober who passed away on December 8th. District Master Floyd Modin represented our Lodge and was an Honorary Pallbearer at the funeral held on December 12th in Howard McBride's Funeral Parlor.

Our annual Christmas "Do" on December 10th was a success. A pot luck supper with turkey and ham and all the trimmings.

Santa made his appearance and presented gifts and treats to the small fry. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of an engraved tray to Sister Margaret and Brother Mons Eliasson who are leaving Edmonton to make their home in Vernon, B.C. This gift was to show our Lodge's appreciation for the interest shown in and help given us by former District Master Sister Eliasson and to wish her and Mons well in their new surroundings.

To the committee consisting of Julian Zarowney, Victor Wold, Bob Pearson and Bill Sol we extend our thanks for a well-planned and most successful Christmas party.

We had an enjoyable and most memorable Centennial year and our Lodge would like to start the new year by hoping all our Sister Lodges in Alberta had the merriest Christmas and sending best wishes for 1968.

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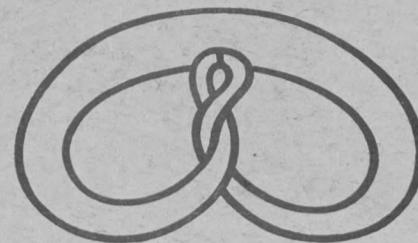
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DANIA GRMNASTIC CLUB NEWS

Gymnastics at Oliver School ended before Christmas on December 11th, with games and treats for the children.

At an executive meeting held December 12th it was decided to cancel the Wednesday night gym class in the new year.

Gymnastics will begin in the new year on Monday January 8th, at 7 p.m. for boys and girls, with Helge Welling as instructor. Arne Welling was chosen as our new secretary-treasurer.

A serious consideration was given to a very real possibility of closing the club at the end of the

season. A general meeting will be called in the spring to decide how to dispose of the clubs assets.

If you want to keep the gymnastic Club going, let the executive know, and keep an eye open for an announcement of a general meeting around Easter 1968.

It is with sadness we report the death of our secretary-treasurer, the late Mr. Chester Grove. He was only 40 years old, when he suddenly collapsed from a heart attack. Out of respect to him gymnastics was cancelled November 27th. We want to express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Grove and her four children.

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cause these small islands, Danish for 250 years, had come to be regarded as a genuine part of Denmark. That feeling dates chiefly from the nineteenth century, when the Danish element had at length become prominent and the islands seemed a romantic heritage of a greater Denmark. In Danish literature of that century the West Indies have some romantic importance. From there, in novels of the period, came at a convenient moment an unexpected fortune, and out there would go, with downcast air, a rejected and inconvenient suitor.

These romantic feelings apart, it is tempting to ask if the islands ever meant anything to Denmark; whether they were ever an integral part of the Danish economy. The question can be answered positively only if we restrict it to the hundred years from 1750 to about 1850. It is the distant remembrance of St. John was occupied in 1717.

Although a refinery was established in Copenhagen, the West Indies turnover meant nothing material to the Danish economy. But thanks to pirates, wars and privateers, together with a slave revolt, the history of the islands in this period makes fascinating reading.

A WELL-PROVIDED TABLE

The economic turning-point came within sight when the West Indies and Guinea Company acquired St. Croix in 1733. The island was purchased from France. It was larger than the two older islands together and the soil was virgin, whereas St. Thomas suffered already from the effects of 60 years of exploitation of its soil. But the island was not uninhabited. There lived about 200 people — black and white — who had drifted ashore on the lawless but hospitable coast. None of these people were missed on the islands they came from; many were wanted.

Now was to be struck the great blow for sugar-growing. The company had the island measured out in standard-sized plots of 150 acres, which were offered for sale at 500 and some even came from small, exhausted British and Dutch islands in the vicinity. The company's credit facilities were favorable — no down payment. Yet things went badly. When the company had reached the limit of its credit resources, it tried to get the new planters to begin paying off their debts, which the planters had no intentions of doing. The company then used its export monopoly to recoup itself by fixing the market price of sugar so low that planters faced ruin.

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